

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 471  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Ricky Perry and the 1995-1996 Boyd-Buchanan High School boys' basketball team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state champions.

WHEREAS, with a balanced scoring attack, great team chemistry, excellent inside play, superb senior leadership and very stingy defense, the outstanding 1995-1996 Boyd-Buchanan High School boys' basketball team has won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament in one of the most exciting state tournaments ever played; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, Boyd-Buchanan won the regular season District 4-A title, with a sparkling 14-2 record; and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers next sailed forth into the familiar District 4-A tournament waters and bested two notable squads in fiercely fought battles, beating Temple High School 37-36 and Lookout Valley High School 74-71 to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, they then won the coveted Region 2-A Tournament, impressively defeating Greenback High School 90-65, revenge-minded Temple 79-71 and Lookout Valley 83-76; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, Boyd-Buchanan overwhelmed Cosby 81-65; and

WHEREAS, appearing in their third state tournament, this tremendously talented and determined team clipped the wings of the Summertown High School Golden Eagles 60-53, in

first-round action, and stopped the Peabody High School Golden Tide 74-73 in the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, in a classic, historic and memorable battle of two sea titans, the Buccaneers defeated traditional power and favorite, 30-victory Perry County High School Vikings 48-47, as Chris Talley sank a dramatic running jump shot with only 2.7 seconds left in the game; and

WHEREAS, this was the first state crown for Boyd-Buchanan; and

WHEREAS, their marvelous overall record was 30-2, an enviable winning percentage of .937; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Ricky Perry and Assistant Coach Joe Pope have worked assiduously and have done an exceptional job of efficiently utilizing the natural talent of the team to the maximum extent possible, producing victories and, most importantly, athletes who are a credit to their school and community. Now in his tenth season as coach, Coach Perry was selected District 4-A Coach of the Year. His admirable overall record is 236-107, a winning percentage of .688; and

WHEREAS, the team starters were sensational senior forward Bopper Coppinger, who averaged 21 points, 9 rebounds and 5 assists per game and was chosen All-State Tournament, Region 2-A Tournament, District 4-A Tournament Most Valuable Player and District 4-A Player of the Year; senior guard Chris Talley, who averaged 14 points per game and was chosen a All-State Tournament, All-Region 4-A Tournament, All-District 4-A Tournament and regular season All-District 4-A honoree; junior forward Chris Jones, a member of the All-State Tournament and All-Region 4-A Tournament squads; senior center Hunter Johnson, who averaged 14 points per game and was selected All-District 4-A Tournament, senior guard Justin Robertson; and

WHEREAS, each of the other members of the team senior Freddie Green; juniors Jason Blair, Aaron Haithcock; sophomores Trey House, Kevin Plemons, and Brad Simmons; and freshmen Matt Dunn and Donnie King have made a significant contribution to the success the squad has enjoyed this season; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were Alex Johnson and Knox McMahan and statistician, Nicole Collins; and

WHEREAS, the team had very strong support from Principal Mary Helen Wood, parents, teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially commemorate this fine team on their championship effort; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Ricky Perry and the great 1995-1996 Boyd-Buchanan High School boys' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.